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SUBJECT: STANDARDS SUBGROUP MEETING SEPTEMBER 15, 1978

REF: (A) GENEVA 13264; (B) 13493 GENEVA

1. PER REFTEL B, USG UNDERSTANDS THAT SEPTEMBER 15 MEETING
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OF STANDARDS SUBGROUP (REFTEL A) IS MERELY A KICK-OFF FOR
THE FALL SEASON AND, THEREFORE, THAT THE DEL REQUIRES NO
ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS ON KEY ISSUES. THESE WILL BE
SUPPLIED AS NEEDED.

2. AS MTN DEL IS AWARE, USG IS IN THE PROCESS OF REEXAMIN-
ING THE KEY ISSUES IN THE STANDARDS CODE NEGOTIATIONS. AS

A PART OF THIS PROCESS, THE UPCOMING ISAC FUNCTIONAL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 22 IS IMPORTANT. AFTER THIS MEETING, USG WILL REVIEW AND MAY REVISE ITS POSITIONS FOR THE REMAINING MONTHS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

3. THEREFORE, THE KEY ISSUES IN THE STANDARDS CODE NEGOTIATIONS, SUCH AS OPENNESS OF REGIONAL CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS, EC AS NATIONAL OR REGIONAL BODY, LEVELS OF OBLIGATIONS, AND DISPUTE SETTLEMENT, SHOULD NOT BE ADDRESSED UNTIL AFTER THIS REEXAMINATION HAS BEEN COMPLETED. THE SUBGROUP SHOULD MEET AT A LATER DATE TO DISCUSS SOME OF

THESE KEY ISSUES. HOWEVER, AT THE SUBGROUP MEETING THIS WEEK, OTHER ISSUES COULD BE DISCUSSED, SUCH AS SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

4. USG ASSUMES THAT THE EC HAS SOME PROBLEMS THAT WOULD REQUIRE IT TO ALSO REEXAMINE ITS POSITIONS IN THE STANDARDS CODE NEGOTIATIONS; FOR EXAMPLE, WHETHER THE COMMUNITY IS TO BE A NATIONAL OR REGIONAL BODY IN RELATION TO THE CODE'S PROVISIONS AND, WHO HAS AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE FOR THE EC WITH RESPECT TO BOTH INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS; DOES SCHLOSSER OR MACDONALD OR ABBOTT AND/OR JACQUOT HAVE SUCH AUTHORITY? THE MAIN PART OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL PROBABLY TAKE PLACE OUTSIDE OF THE CONFERENCE ROOM AND IT IS, THEREFORE, IMPERATIVE THAT THE EC CLEARLY ASSIGN THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESPONSIBILITY. DEL SHOULD QUERY EC DEL ON THIS POINT, AND STRESS THE NEED FOR ONE NEGOTIATOR ON STANDARDS CODE.

5. WITH REGARD TO THE DRAFT SINGLE TEXT FOR THE STANDARDS CODE (DRAFTED BY THE MTN DEL AND THE EC DEL IN LATE JULY), USG SUPPORTS THE IDEA OF SUCH A TEXT. SUCH A TEXT SHOULD BE DEVELOPED INFORMALLY WITH OTHER KEY DELEGATIONS. HOWEVER, IT MIGHT BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO MENTION THIS AT SEPTEMBER 15 SUBGROUP MEETING BECAUSE ALL OTHER DELEGATIONS MIGHT WANT THEIR PAST PROPOSALS INCLUDED IN SUCH A DOCUMENT.

6. UNTIL SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS ARE RECEIVED, DEL SHOULD NOT ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS ON THE KEY ISSUES IN ANY DRAFT SINGLE TEXT OR ON ISSUES FOR WHICH USG DOES NOT NOW HAVE A POSITION. A TPSC POSITION PAPER ON THE SINGLE CODE TEXT IS PRESENTLY BEING DRAFTED WITHIN THE USG. CHRISTOPHER

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